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FOR AMBASSADOR EASUM FROM DEP ASST SECRETARY LUERS (EUR)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PDIP, PL, NI

SUBJECT: NEW POLISH AMBASSADOR TO LAGOS

REF: WARSAW 3536

1. HAVING READ THE EXCELLENT BIO REPORT SENT TO YOU BY EMBASSY WARSAW (REFTEL), I WANTED TO SEND YOU MY OWN PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON WITOLD JURASZ. JURASZ WAS POLISH AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS WHEN I WAS THERE AND HE WAS ONE OF MY CLOSEST DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES. WE SAW EACH OTHER FREQUENTLY AND I THINK HE WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE TWO OR THREE MOST EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATS IN CARACAS DURING THE TIME I WAS THERE. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT AS WAS HIS SPANISH. HE WAS ONE OF THE FEW AMBASSADORS WHO MET REGULARLY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND KNEW THE WHOLE RANGE OF POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
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I ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF HIS WIFE AND SPENT SOME TIME WITH HIM FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE. I HAVE ALSO SEEN HIM IN WASHINGTON ON OCCASION.

2. HE IS A CAPABLE AND INTELLECTUAL DIPLOMAT.
HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN POLITICS AND IN
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMICS. I FULLY SUPPORT WARSAW'S

COMMENDING HIM TO YOU. VANCE

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